

PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003
7:30 P.M.

Call To Order: The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President Tim Shuppert called the meeting to order. Members present were Tracey Phillips, Charles Brown, Wilma Jo Kile and Denny Corn. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Bob Bridges and Anna Jo Fry, ARC.

Minutes: Minutes of March 11, 2003 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve minutes for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Mathews stated he is ready to hire summer help as the grass is starting to grow. He will make his recommendations at the next Board of Works meeting.

The handicap pull off is done and really nice.

One new shelter is up.

The Valentines Dance has been rescheduled for this Friday from 7-9 on the 11th. Chaperones are needed.

This Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Bridge there will be a "Rally the Troops" from 12:30 to 2:00 for those who would like to attend.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on the 19th of April.
Mathews asked permission to purchase five \$10.00 gift certificates from Wal-Mart this year to put in eggs in each of the five different age groups. The board gave Mathews permission to proceed.

Gospel Music In the Park is scheduled for June 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Informed the board he would like to put a gazebo in over the wade pool in South Veterans Memorial Park. He has received a couple bids and so far has had \$7,500 donated towards the purchase.

Has received two bids of \$19,500 and \$28,000.

Mathews stated he feels this will be a great asset to the Parks.

Would also be a great place to have weddings in the park.

He asked permission to take \$12,000 from Non Reverting.

Feels this is a great project.

The gazebo will be a 33 ½ X 33 ½ wooden structure; will be white with a wooden floor. There will be a handicap ramp 22 feet on the backside. The front side will face the South with stairs up to the deck with railings.

Mathews stated he has received \$5,000 from EMC and \$2,500 from ARC towards the purchase of this project.

Kile moved to take \$12,000 from the Non-Reverting Fund to put with the \$7,500 donations to put up the gazebo. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

The board then decided to rent the gazebo out for weddings at a cost of \$30.00. The new open shelters will be rented out for \$20.00.

Anna Jo Fry from ARC was present and presented Mathews a check for \$650.00 to go towards the handicap pull off area at the Veterans Memorial Bridge.
She also stated that they have donated \$2,500 towards the new gazebo.
She shared with the board that if any other handicap projects come up to please let them know.
The board thanked her for her generous donations.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Corn and Brown. Brown moved to approve the claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Update on Pool Opening Plans for this Season - Mathews reported that Gary Pohl and Malcom McNeal is to be here at 10:00 a.m. in the morning for the second inspection if anyone wants to come to pool.
It was decided to open the pool Memorial Day Weekend.

Review Applications for Parks Employees and Swimming Pool Employees - Mathews stated there were numerous applications. Shuppert stated he would like to appoint a committee of Tracey Phillips and Charles Brown to do the interviews of Manager and Co-Manager. The interviews will be set up for next week.

Discuss Gazebo for Park - (see above)

New Business: Sharpe stated that Lisa Bare of Big Brothers and Big Sisters has made a request for 10 one-day passes to the swimming pool again this year for the "Bowl For Kids Sake".
Kile made a motion to approve 10 one-day passes. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

TIM SHUPPERT, PRESIDENT

TRACEY PHILLIPS, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

DENNY CORN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY